

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 48-75, 77 and 78 will be pending. Claims 76 and 79 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 75 has been amended to explicitly recite the limitations of claim 48. Claim 77 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 76. Claim 78 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 76. These amendments introduce no new matter.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

In a telephone interview on January 18, 2005, the Examiner clarified that the text of the Office Action correctly states that claims 48-74 are allowed, whereas the Office Action Summary is incorrect in stating that claims 48-75 are rejected.

CLAIMS 75, 76 AND 78

Claim 75 is not explicitly considered in the Office Action. The Applicants have amended claim 75 to now explicitly recite the elements of claim 48, and respectfully submit that, because claim 48 has been found to be allowable, claim 75 is also now allowable.

Claim 77 was found to be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of its parent and any intervening claims. The Applicants have amended claim 77 to include the limitations of its parent claim 76, and respectfully submit that claim 77 is also now allowable.

Claim 78 was found to be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of its parent and any intervening claims. The Applicants have amended claim 77 to include the limitations of its parent claim 76, and respectfully submit that claim 77 is also now allowable.

CONCLUSION

Claims 48-74 having been found allowable and claims 75, 77 and 78 submitted to be now also allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that all the Examiner's objections and rejections have been addressed and that all of the claims in the present application are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the claims be reconsidered and passed to allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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